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April 28, 2008

RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)

TPUC Docket No. 35252 – Application of Peoples Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

ETC Designation of People's Wireless – Annual Affidavit

On March 18, 2008 the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) issued a letter regarding the designation of Peoples Wireless as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the rural study area of Peoples Wireless Telephone pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. Sections 54.201 – 54.203. The TPUC's *Order No. 3*, Docket No. 35252, issued on March 10, 2008, granted this designation.

On April 3, 2008, Matrix filed the attached letter and affidavit of Robbie Allen, General Manager of Peoples Wireless, which attests to the company's intent to use the

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federal support within its study area for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for Peoples Wireless.

If you require any additional information, please call Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto at (512)-936-7388.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto".

Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto, Sr. Retail Market Analyst
Competitive Markets Division - Texas Public Utility Commission

cc: attachments





April 3, 2008

Mr. James Galloway
Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78711

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Re: Docket No. 24481 – Designation of Common Carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) to Receive Federal Universal Service Funds Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting a State Certification Process

Dear Mr. Galloway:

On behalf of Texas RSA 7B3, L.P. d/b/a Peoples Wireless Services (the Company), attached is an executed affidavit in compliance with P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.418(j)(1) regarding the state's annual certification process for use of Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) support. Peoples Wireless Services was designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) in Docket No. 35252, effective March 10, 2008. Peoples Wireless Services is a competitive ETC operating in the study area of a rural telephone company. Peoples Wireless Services has applied with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for a study area code; however the Company has been advised by USAC that due to implementation of system changes the assignment of SACs are being delayed.

With this affidavit, Peoples Wireless Services affirms that FUSF support is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended. In order to receive FUSF support for 2008, an ETC was required to have its affidavit filed with the PUC by September 1, 2007 so that the PUC could file its state certification with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and USAC by October 1. However, PUC Substantive Rule 26.418(j)(2) allows for subsequent certifications to be filed with the PUC. Also, FCC rules, 47 C.F.R. §54.314(d)(6)(vi) allow a newly designated ETC to receive federal USF support as of the effective date of its ETC designation provided that the PUC files its certification within 60 days of the effective date of the ETC designation.

The Company respectfully requests that the PUC certify to the FCC and USAC as soon as possible, but no later than May 9, 2008 that People Wireless Services is eligible to receive federal high cost support effective March 10, 2008.

Mr. James Galloway
April 3, 2008
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Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Any questions or comments may be directed to me at the address or telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Langkop by cn".

Jean Langkop
Authorized Representative for
Texas RSA 7B3, L.P. d/b/a Peoples Wireless Services

JL/cn

Attachment

cc: Mr. Robbie L. Allen, Peoples Wireless Services
Ms. Shawnee Claiborn-Pinto, Competitive Markets Division, PUC

DOCKET NO. 24481

DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	§	
CARRIERS (ETC) TO RECEIVE FEDERAL	§	
UNIVERSAL FUND PURSUANT TO THE	§	OF TEXAS
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS	§	
COMMISSION'S FOURTEENTH REPORT	§	
AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE	§	
CERTIFICATION PROCESS	§	

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WOOD

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Robbie L. Allen of Texas RSA 7B3 d/b/a Peoples Wireless Services, (the Company) who on his oath deposed and said:

1. My name is Robbie L. Allen. I am employed by People Wireless Service in the position of General Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how the Company uses these funds.

2. Peoples Wireless Services was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No.35252, by order dated March 10, 2008.

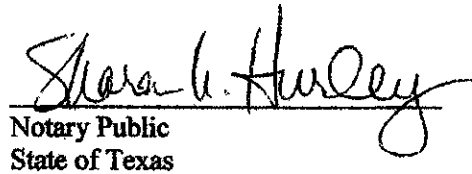
3. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by People Wireless Services are used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. §54.101 which are available throughout the Company's study area.

4. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.


Signature of Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 14th day of March, 2008.




Notary Public
State of Texas

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